

An Act

A B I L L to establish an uniform Rule
of Naturalization, and to enable Aliens to
hold Lands under certain Restrictions.

considered as a **SECT. 1st** **BE** IT ENACTED BY THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF
REPRESENTATIVES OF THE UNITED STATES OF
AMERICA IN CONGRESS ASSEMBLED, That any alien, ~~other than~~
~~an alien enemy~~, being a free white person, who shall have resided
within the limits and under the jurisdiction of the United States
for the term of TWO YEARS, may be admitted to become a citizen
thereof, on application to any common law court of record in any
one of the States wherein he shall have resided for the term of ONE
YEAR at least, and making proof to the satisfaction of such court,
that he is a person of a good character, and taking the oath or affirm-
ation prescribed by law to support the Constitution of the United
States, which oath or affirmation such court shall administer, and
the clerk of such court shall record such application and the pro-
ceedings thereon; and thereupon such person shall be considered *as entitled to the benefit of*
~~as a~~ citizen of the United States. And the children of such person *born in the United States*
so naturalized, dwelling within the United States, being under the
age of twenty-one years at the time of such naturalization, shall
also be considered as citizens of the United States. And the chil-
dren of citizens of the United States, that may be born beyond sea,
or out of the limits of the United States, shall be considered as nat-
ural born citizens.

PROVIDED, That the right of citizenship shall not descend to
persons whose fathers have never been resident in the United States:

PROVIDED ALSO, That no person heretofore proscribed by any
State shall be admitted a citizen as aforesaid, except by an Act of
the Legislature of the State in which such person was proscribed.

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Naturalization

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